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SUBJECT: National Security Council Meeting - Mitterrand Visit (C)

We have rescheduled the National Security Council meeting on the visit of French President Francois Mitterrand to Washington for Tuesday, March 13, 1984, at 2:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting and the two State discussion papers provided earlier are still in effect. Please provide additional suggestions for discussion and names of attendees (principals plus one) by 10:00, Monday, March 12. (C)

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SUBJECT: National Security Council Meeting - Mitterrand Visit (C)

There will be a National Security Council meeting on Friday, March 9, at 11:00 a.m. in the Cabinet Room on the visit of French President Francois Mitterrand to Washington. Attached is an agenda for the meeting, and two papers drafted by State on "Themes and Policy Initiatives" and "Issues and Objectives" which will serve as a basis of the discussion. Please provide additional suggestions for discussion and names of attendees (principals plus one) by COB, Wednesday, March 7. (C)

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

Attachments

Tab A - Agenda

Tab B - Background Papers

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, March 9, 1984
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Cabinet Room

AGENDA

Introduction (5 minutes)	Robert McFarlane
Themes and Objectives (10 minutes)	George Shultz
Security Issues (5 minutes)	Caspar Weinberger
Economic Issues (5 minutes)	Donald Regan
Discussion (30 minutes)	Principals
Conclusion (5 minutes)	Robert McFarlane

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
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Subject: State Visit of the President of France: Themes and Policy Initiatives

In connection with French President Francois Mitterrand's March 22 state visit, the Department, in conjunction with other agencies, has been considering a series of themes, events or policy initiatives designed to enhance the visit and help ensure its success. Described below is a group of such ideas, one of which has already been approved by the NSC. The Department would appreciate early NSC authorization to discuss these items with the French Government, both here and in Paris.

1. "Liberty Initiative". Work is well underway leading to the 1986 celebration of the centennial of the Statue of Liberty. It would be appropriate to use the Statue as a symbol of our shared love of liberty and of the friendship between the two oldest democracies, the U.S. and France. Building on this theme, references could be made to the Statue and its symbolism in public statements by the two Presidents, including in the President's toasts. We could also encourage the French to arrange for Mitterrand to visit the Statue of Liberty while he is in New York. Tied in with this, we also propose that the President offer to send the Constitution and/or Bill of Rights to France for exhibition during their 1989 bicentennial celebration of the French Revolution. The Bill of Rights would be particularly appropriate since it was based on France's Declaration of the Rights of Man. Mitterrand -- and the French people generally -- would see this as a truly significant gesture on the part of the President. USIA concurs in this and is providing a parallel recommendation. If this proposal is approved, we would like White House assistance in obtaining agreement to lend the document(s).

2. Space Cooperation. The Department and NASA have already received NSC authorization for NASA Administrator Beggs to discuss the elements of a space cooperation package with appropriate French officials during his March 8-9 visit to Paris.

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3. Environmental Affairs Umbrella Agreement. EPA has proposed to the French a Memorandum of Understanding on environmental cooperation. French Government review of the text is going extremely well. With appropriate encouragement from us, the French would probably be ready to sign the agreement during the visit, perhaps at the level of EPA Administrator Ruckelshaus and French Ambassador Vernier-Pallier.

4. African Development Initiative. Both we and the French are deeply concerned about Africa's economic crisis. The French have traditionally provided major economic assistance to the region, particularly to their former colonies. For our part, the Administration has recently announced an African Economic Policy Initiative (EPI) and requested \$500 million over five years, additional to our current \$1 billion per year program. The French have not yet responded to Secretary Shultz's January 25 letter describing the EPI and the French are leery of joint activities in which they might appear to be the junior partner. However, French (and EC) policy would appear to be fully in line with the goals of the EPI. Our two governments have begun active -- if quiet -- aid cooperation in Senegal, the Ivory Coast and elsewhere. The Department believes it would be most appropriate during the visit to have a joint public statement noting that: a) the Presidents reviewed the economic crisis in sub-Saharan Africa; b) they exchanged views on efforts by both governments to provide both emergency food and other aid to drought victims; and c) they looked forward to further mutual cooperation in devising economic assistance programs which would restore stability and growth for Africa. In this connection, we would also plan to encourage the French to have Mitterrand make a statement of French interest and support for the EPI, pointing out how this would help us with Congress. If this initiative is successful, we should then see if similar agreements can be reached with the other Summit countries, with a view to having language in the London Summit communique on this issue and on the need for EPI-like measures.

5. Cooperation Against Terrorism. There have been encouraging signs in the past few months of increased French awareness of the terrorist threat they face, accompanied by an apparent new willingness to act. It is unlikely that they would agree to any joint public statements, but we may be able to get French agreement to move ahead on some quiet steps, such as: a) initiation of carefully organized bilateral discussions on the increased threat both countries face on terrorism; b) informal agreement to intensify the already imposing bilateral cooperation on counter-terrorism at the operational and technical levels; and c) most difficult, attempt to develop an understanding on clearer lines between the right of

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ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STATE VISIT OF THE
PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

1. Issue: Western security, the Alliance and arms control.

Objective: To underline publicly and privately our close identity of views on security issues; emphasizing the strength of trans-Atlantic ties and our common desire to move forward on arms control with the USSR.

Mitterrand has been a potent champion of trans-Atlantic security cooperation and of Western firmness in arms control negotiations. The French see Alliance unity and the continued viability of the U.S. nuclear umbrella to be essential to countering a German drift toward neutralism. Mitterrand will want this visit to symbolize the themes he has struck repeatedly in public statements -- Alliance strength and U.S.-European common interests in defense of Europe. The discussions with the President should provide substance to underline these themes. In the context of the Kremlin leadership transition, we should be able to agree on a call for intensified East-West dialogue, a Soviet return to the nuclear arms talks and establishment of a more stable relationship with the USSR. On INF, they can agree on continued deployment in the absence of an agreement. The President should also lay down markers for the London Summit, stressing our interest in forming new partnerships for cooperation in the space station and in combatting terrorism.

2. Issue: Regional cooperation (Lebanon, Gulf, Chad).

Objective: To encourage continued close U.S.-French cooperation on regional issues.

More than any other ally, France has asserted a set of global interests which brings it into play on most regional issues of importance to the U.S. Our political-military cooperation has been particularly close in recent years in Lebanon and Chad, while we have pursued largely parallel policies in the Gulf. The French value this cooperation, even while wishing publicly to avoid any implication of loss of treasured French independence. Mitterrand will welcome an expression of our appreciation for the constructive French role in the Middle East and Africa. We should stress our hope that France will avoid independent actions detrimental to the President's Middle East peace initiative, along with our opposition to a wider Soviet role in the region. A common statement of concern about any restriction of Persian Gulf shipping could send a useful public signal.

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3. Issue: U.S.-European relations.

Objective: To reiterate our support for an economically strong Europe, while cautioning against protectionist actions harmful to trans-Atlantic relations.

With France in the EC Presidency, U.S.-European economic problems will be very much on Mitterrand's mind. Just prior to coming to Washington, he will have chaired an EC Summit and will undoubtedly feel empowered to speak for Europe. He may criticize US monetary and fiscal policies; he may also advance the idea that the U.S. should help Europe solve its problems by accepting limits on certain U.S. agricultural exports (corn, gluten, soybeans). We should reemphasize our support for European unity, but frankly warn against reborn European protectionism. Containing protectionist pressures is an obligation Europe and America share. In recognition of the economic difficulties Europe faces, we may wish to suggest joint discussions of how to put technology to the service of economic growth.

4. Issue: Bilateral U.S.-French Relations.

Objective: To strengthen the bilateral relationship.

The fact that both our countries have global interests often complicates our bilateral relationship. Nonetheless, our two countries have a long history of friendship and a shared commitment to democracy and liberty. Mitterrand's advisors have articulated objectives for this visit quite similar to ours: to celebrate U.S.-French friendship; to strengthen personal relations between the two Presidents; and to give the relationship a forward-looking focus. To this end we are developing a package of specific initiatives, for example, in space cooperation, to stress the commonality of our efforts for the future. We should also emphasize in our public statements our mutually shared commitment to democracy and liberty. The Statue of Liberty centennial provides a reference point to highlight U.S.-French friendship.

5. Issue: Our policy toward Central America.

Objective: To solicit some increased understanding for our Central America policy.

This is the area of clearest policy divergency between us. The elections in El Salvador, coming in the middle of the Mitterrand visit, will heighten interest in this issue. The French value their self-appointed role as an interlocutor between the Central American/Caribbean left and the U.S. While we cannot change their mind, continued private dialogue may help contain any French impulse to oppose us publicly.

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legitimate asylum and violations of same by the use of France or other countries for terrorist operations. There are considerable differences within the French Government on the terrorism issue, generally, and cooperation with the U.S., specifically. To achieve success, we would have to move rapidly with our potential allies, such as Defense Minister Hernu and State Secretary of Security Franceschi. Secretary Shultz made the first proposal to Hernu on February 24 and Hernu was interested and supportive. Franceschi will be here March 2-6 and, if we have NSC approval, the Department and other agencies will propose these items to him. Once we are authorized, we also intend to instruct Embassy Paris to move ahead, understanding that the degree of assurance of French concurrence is less than other proposals outlined here.

6. Bilateral Cultural Talks. USIA Director Wick has been exploring with the French the idea of holding bilateral meetings on a broad range of cultural and exchange issues. Embassy Paris is currently discussing with the French their willingness to begin such discussions. If they agree, it would be appropriate to announce it at the time of the visit. USIA will be providing the NSC with more background.

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for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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